

Analytic Results for Higgs Production in Bottom Fusion

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Abstract

We evaluate analytically the cross section for Higgs production plus one jet through bottom quark fusion. By considering the small p_T limit we derive expressions for the resummation coefficients governing the structure of large logarithms, and compare these expressions with those available in the literature.

1 Introduction

The Standard Model (SM) [1,2] predicts the existence of a massive scalar particle known as the Higgs boson. Within this theory and its supersymmetric extensions [3], matter fields and gauge bosons acquire mass via the Higgs mechanism [4–6]. Although the Higgs remains undiscovered, experiments have placed restrictions on its mass [7, 8]. Supersymmetric theories require more than one Higgs boson. There are many more free parameters than in the SM, and the experimental constraints are correspondingly weaker [9, 10].

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is expected to find the Higgs boson if it exists. To achieve this, various production mechanisms must be considered. The relative utility of each depends strongly on the Higgs’ mass and couplings. While in the SM gluon fusion is by far the largest contribution to the total cross section, in SUSY theories with large $\tan\beta$ bottom quark fusion can dominate, due to the enhanced $b\bar{b}H$ Yukawa coupling [11–13]. Reviews can be found in Refs. [14, 15]. If we assume that the proton is composed only of the four lightest quarks and the gluon, the so called four flavour scheme (4FS), then the dominant leading order diagram for this process is that shown in Fig. 1(a). Integration of the phase space leads to divergences arising from the kinematical region where one or both bottom quarks are collinear to the initial state partons. The bottom’s mass m_b regulates these divergences, but they still leave traces in the form of large logarithms $\ln(m_b^2/m_H^2)$. Such logarithms jeopardise the convergence of the perturbative series, so ideally one would like to resum them. This can be achieved by introducing bottom quark PDFs. In this five flavour scheme (5FS) [16, 17] the b quark can appear in the initial state, and so the leading order process is changed to that appearing in Fig. 1(b). One sets the b quark mass to zero in this case. Results obtained in either scheme should be the same, although when truncating at a finite order there will be differences, formally of higher order in α_s . Despite this, it was found that the inclusive cross sections in the 4FS and the 5FS differ by roughly a factor of five when evaluated at $\mu_F = \mu_R = m_H$, where μ_F/μ_R is the factorisation/renormalisation scale. This remains true also at NLO QCD which was calculated for the 5FS in Refs. [18, 19], and for the 4FS in Refs. [20, 21]. It was thus proposed in Refs. [19, 22–24] that when using the five flavour scheme the appropriate central scale is $m_H/4$. Indeed, the NNLO result [25] in the 5FS seems to confirm this choice.

Higgs production in association with one or more jets [26] has also received much attention. In the case of gluon fusion the leading order cross section is known, including the full top and bottom mass dependence, in both the SM [26–28] and MSSM [28]. The NLO corrections are known only in the heavy-top limit [29–31]. As far as the MSSM is concerned, one expects that to a very good approximation one can simply replace the effective ggH coupling of the Standard Model with its MSSM value [32–34]. However, as we have stressed, for large $\tan\beta$ one must also include the bottom fusion contribution. That is the subject of this paper.

The bottom fusion contribution to H +jet production has been considered for the case in which a final state b quark is tagged [35]. This is a useful observable because one can measure the $b\bar{b}H$ Yukawa coupling directly. Without b tagging, this process is a contribution to the total H +jet cross section, and must be considered alongside gluon fusion. For this case various distributions at NLO have been presented [36], based on Catani-Seymour subtraction. In this paper we give the same cross section analytically.



Figure 1: Diagrams for Higgs production through bottom fusion in the (a) four and (b) five flavour schemes.

As well as providing a very strong check on the results of Ref. [36], our results allow us to analytically take the $p_T \rightarrow 0$ limit, and thus derive expressions for the resummation coefficients which govern the structure of large logarithms. This will be described in Section 5.

2 Notation

We are interested in the transverse momentum distribution of Higgs bosons arising from the scattering of two hadrons h_1 and h_2 at centre of mass energy \sqrt{S} . In particular, we consider in this paper only that part of the cross section proportional to the $Hb\bar{b}$ Yukawa coupling. The b -quark mass is set to zero everywhere except in this coupling. For a Higgs boson with transverse momentum p_T and rapidity y , the cross section is

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2 dy} = \sum_{ij} \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{ij}} \int dx_1 \int dx_2 f_{i/h_1}(x_1, \mu_F) f_{j/h_2}(x_2, \mu_F) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}}{dp_T^2 dy}, \quad (1)$$

where $f_{i/h_1}(x_1, \mu_F)$ is the parton density for finding a parton i in hadron h_1 . We expand the partonic cross section appearing on the right hand side in powers of the strong coupling constant $\alpha_s(\mu_R)$,

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}}{dp_T^2 dy} = \frac{\pi}{8} \frac{m_b^2}{\mathcal{V}^2} \frac{1}{\hat{s}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{C}_{ij}} \left[\frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} G_{ij}^{(1)}(\mu_R) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \right)^2 G_{ij}^{(2)}(\mu_R) + \dots \right], \quad (2)$$

where $\mathcal{V} = 246$ GeV is the vacuum expectation value of the Higgs field, m_b is the bottom quark mass, \mathcal{C}_{ij} is a colour averaging factor ($\mathcal{C}_{ij} = 9$ for quark-quark scattering, etc.) and the dots stand for higher terms in the α_s expansion. Although the partonic cross section itself is not a function of the renormalisation scale μ_R , its expansion coefficients $G_{ij}^{(n)}$ are, so that truncating at any finite order of perturbation theory leads to an unphysical μ_R dependence of the cross section. Reducing this unphysical scale dependence is one of the primary motivations for calculating higher order QCD corrections.

We denote the four momenta of the incoming hadrons as P_1 and P_2 , while those of the colliding partons are $p_1 = x_1 P_1$ and $p_2 = x_2 P_2$. The mass, transverse momentum and rapidity of the Higgs boson are written m_H , p_T and y respectively. Momentum conservation implies

$$p_1 + p_2 = Q + p_H, \quad (3)$$

where Q represents the total momentum of the final state QCD partons, of which there can be either one or two. These we will label p_3 and p_4 . Our results for the coefficients

$G_{ij}^{(n)}$ will be given in terms of the following partonic invariants

$$\begin{aligned} s &= (p_1 + p_2)^2, \\ u &= (p_1 - Q)^2, \\ t &= (p_2 - Q)^2, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

in terms of which momentum conservation imposes the constraint

$$s + u + t = m_H^2 + Q^2. \tag{5}$$

In terms of these variables the transverse momentum of the Higgs satisfies

$$p_T^2 = \frac{ut - m_H^2 Q^2}{s}. \tag{6}$$

It is also useful to define

$$\begin{aligned} S_u &= u - Q^2, \\ S_t &= t - Q^2, \\ m_T^2 &= m_H^2 + p_T^2, \\ v &= \frac{p_T^2}{Q^2 + p_T^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

At leading order ($\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$) there are two contributing channels. We find for the corresponding coefficients $G_{ij}^{(1)} = g_{ij}\delta(Q^2)$ with,

$$g_{b\bar{b}} = 4 C_F C_A \frac{(s^2 + m_H^4)}{ut}, \tag{8}$$

$$g_{bg} = 4 C_F C_A \frac{(u^2 + m_H^4)}{-st}, \tag{9}$$

where $C_F = \frac{4}{3}$ and $C_A = 3$. We will discuss how to integrate these expressions over the momentum fractions $x_{1,2}$ in section 4.

3 NLO Corrections

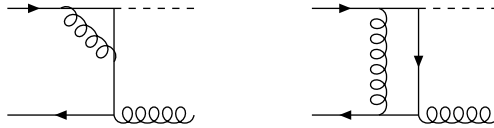


Figure 2: Examples of one loop diagrams at NLO

The $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ corrections, which form the coefficient function $G_{ij}^{(2)}$, receive three different types of contribution: the one loop virtual corrections to the leading order processes, for which some sample diagrams are given in Fig. 2, the mass factorisation pieces, arising from the definition of the parton densities at NLO, and finally the real radiation contribution. Each of these pieces is divergent in four dimensions, so that in practice a regularisation procedure is required. We use conventional dimensional regularisation (CDR), working

in $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions, so that the divergences manifest themselves as poles in the parameter ϵ . For infrared safe observables these poles cancel, and at the end of the calculation we may safely take the limit $d \rightarrow 4$.

The one loop amplitude for $b\bar{b} \rightarrow Hg$ was given in Ref. [35], and we have independently checked the result. We also require $bg \rightarrow Hb$, which can be obtained by crossing. The virtual parts contain ultraviolet divergences, which we remove by renormalising α_s and m_b in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme.

At NLO there are also additional channels to consider, beyond those which contribute at LO. In our case these are gg , bq , $b\bar{b}$ and $q\bar{q}$. Here q represents one of the u , d , s or c quarks, and it is understood that the charge conjugated processes are also included. Because these channels do not contribute at leading order, none of them have a one loop correction. However, with the exception of $q\bar{q}$, they do require mass factorisation to remove collinear poles, and so must be regularised just as in the case of $b\bar{b}$ and bg .

3.1 Real Radiation

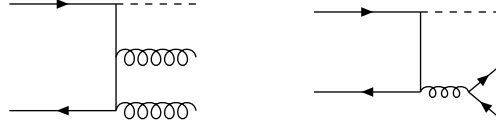


Figure 3: Examples of real emission diagrams at NLO. The initial state lines are bottom quarks, but the final state quarks can be of any flavour.

We have evaluated the amplitudes for the Higgs plus two parton processes using FORM [37]. Sample diagrams are shown in Fig. 3. They are expressed in terms of the invariants $s_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$ and $s_{ijk} = (p_i + p_j + p_k)^2$. Note that we must retain the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ pieces of the amplitudes, because integration over the three body phase space can generate poles in ϵ . As a check one may verify that gauge invariance holds. We have also used MADGRAPH [38] to check the amplitudes in the $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ limit.

We write the three body phase space factor as

$$d\Gamma_3 = \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{Q^2} \right)^\epsilon \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{p_T^2} \right)^\epsilon \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} \frac{d\Omega}{8\pi} dp_T^2 dy, \quad (10)$$

and integrate analytically over the angular factor $d\Omega$, given by

$$\int d\Omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin^{1-2\epsilon} \theta d\theta \int_0^\pi \sin^{-2\epsilon} \phi d\phi. \quad (11)$$

It is useful to work in the Q rest frame. We can then obtain expressions [30] for the invariants in terms of angles and energies. To perform the integration we first make use of momentum conservation and numerous partial fraction identities to ensure that each term in the amplitude squared contains at most two invariants that depend on the angles θ and ϕ . These invariants are s_{13} , s_{14} , s_{23} , s_{24} , s_{123} and s_{124} . For example, the relation

$$\frac{1}{s_{13} s_{14}} = \frac{1}{S_u} \left(\frac{1}{s_{13}} + \frac{1}{s_{14}} \right), \quad (12)$$

reduces the number of angle dependent factors from two to one. Once this decomposition is achieved the integrals over $d\Omega$ are of two types (m and n are integers):

$$\int d\Omega s_{23}^{-m} s_{13}^{-n}, \quad (13)$$

$$\int d\Omega s_{123}^{-m} s_{13}^{-n}. \quad (14)$$

A closed form result, valid for arbitrary ϵ , for integrals of the first type is given in Ref. [39]. The integrals of the second type are given as expansions in ϵ in Ref. [40]. We have used these results directly, supplementing them where necessary with extra $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ terms.

As the integration over the momentum fractions $x_{1,2}$ is performed, divergences appear in the small Q^2 region due to terms with $1/Q^2$ factors. These divergences are regulated¹ by the $Q^{-2\epsilon}$ factor appearing Eq.(10). To expose the corresponding poles in ϵ we use the distribution relation

$$(Q^2)^{-1-\epsilon} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \delta(Q^2) A^\epsilon + \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} \right)_+ - \epsilon \left(\frac{\ln Q^2}{Q^2} \right)_+ + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \quad (15)$$

where A is the maximum value of Q^2 . The plus distributions above will appear in our final results. They are defined by

$$\int_0^A dQ^2 f(Q^2) [g(Q^2)]_+ = \int_0^A dQ^2 [f(Q^2) - f(0)] g(Q^2). \quad (16)$$

There are still divergences in the small p_T region. These are regulated by the $p_T^{-2\epsilon}$ factor appearing in Eq.(10). In principle we could make use of a distribution relation similar to that above to expose the divergences as poles in ϵ . We would then need to add the two loop corrections to the process $b\bar{b} \rightarrow H$, as well as some extra terms arising from mass factorisation. The result would be a NNLO result for the differential cross section of the process $b\bar{b} \rightarrow H$. We do not take this extra step, which is difficult to achieve in practice, so that in our numerical results we must avoid the small p_T region. Our results therefore constitute a NLO result for the process $b\bar{b} \rightarrow H + \text{jet}$. We will discuss the behaviour of the cross section in the $p_T \rightarrow 0$ limit in more detail in Section 5.

4 Results

Our result for the NLO $b\bar{b}$ coefficient function takes the form

$$G_{b\bar{b}}^{(2)} = D_{b\bar{b}} \delta(Q^2) + E_{b\bar{b}} \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} \right)_+ + F_{b\bar{b}} \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} \ln \frac{Q^2}{m_H^2} \right)_+ + H_{b\bar{b}}. \quad (17)$$

We define

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2} (m_H^2 + s - Q^2), \quad (18)$$

$$\lambda^2 = \kappa^2 - m_H^2 s, \quad (19)$$

$$x = \frac{\kappa + \lambda}{\kappa - \lambda}, \quad (20)$$

¹Strictly speaking, we mean ‘made integrable’.

and introduce the following convenient logarithm abbreviations.

$$\begin{aligned} L_s &= \ln \frac{s}{m_H^2}, & L_u &= \ln \frac{-u}{m_H^2}, & L_t &= \ln \frac{-t}{m_H^2}, \\ l_F &= \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{m_H^2}, & l_R &= \ln \frac{\mu_R^2}{m_H^2}, & L_A &= \ln \frac{A}{m_H^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

We give here the $D_{b\bar{b}}$, $E_{b\bar{b}}$ and $F_{b\bar{b}}$ coefficients. The expressions for $H_{b\bar{b}}$ are very large, so we do not reproduce them here. Results for all the above coefficients, for all channels, are available from the author on request.

$$\begin{aligned} D_{b\bar{b}} &= g_{b\bar{b}} C_A \left[-L_A^2 - 2L_A L_s + 2L_A L_t + 2L_A L_u - \frac{11L_A}{6} + \frac{11l_R}{6} - L_s^2 + 2L_s L_t \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2L_s L_u - L_t^2 - 2L_t L_u - L_u^2 - 2\text{Li}_2 \left(1 - \frac{m_H^2}{s} \right) + \frac{67}{18} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ g_{b\bar{b}} C_F \left[4L_A^2 + 4L_A L_s - 4L_A L_t - 4L_A L_u - 4L_A l_F + 3l_R + 2L_s^2 \right. \\ &\quad - 4L_s L_t - 4L_s L_u + L_t^2 + 2L_t L_u + 2L_t l_F + L_u^2 + 2L_u l_F - 3l_F \\ &\quad + 4\text{Li}_2 \left(1 - \frac{m_H^2}{s} \right) + 2\text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{m_H^2}{m_H^2 - t} \right) + 2\text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{m_H^2}{m_H^2 - u} \right) \\ &\quad \left. + \ln^2 \left(1 - \frac{t}{m_H^2} \right) + \ln^2 \left(1 - \frac{u}{m_H^2} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{3} - 2 \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{3} n_f T_R g_{b\bar{b}} \left[L_A - l_R - \frac{5}{3} \right] + 4m_H^2 \left(\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{t} \right) C_F C_A (C_A - C_F), \\ E_{b\bar{b}} &= C_A g_{b\bar{b}} \left[\ln(1-v) + \ln \frac{S_u}{u} + \ln \frac{S_t}{t} + 2 \ln \frac{Q^2 + p_T^2}{m_H^2} - L_s - \frac{11}{6} \right] \\ &\quad + C_F g_{b\bar{b}} \left[-2 \ln \frac{S_u}{u} - 2 \ln \frac{S_t}{t} - 4l_F - 4 \ln \frac{Q^2 + p_T^2}{m_H^2} + 2L_s \right] + \frac{2}{3} T_R n_F g_{b\bar{b}} \\ &\quad + 4C_F C_A \left(C_F - \frac{C_A}{2} \right) \frac{\ln x}{\lambda} \left[2 \frac{m_H^4}{t} + \frac{m_H^4}{u} - 2 \frac{m_H^2 u}{t} - m_H^2 + \frac{s^2}{u} - s + \frac{u^2}{t} + u \right], \\ F_{b\bar{b}} &= 8 \left(C_F - \frac{C_A}{4} \right) g_{b\bar{b}}. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Recall that S_u , S_t and v were defined in Eq. (7), while $g_{b\bar{b}}$ was given in Eq. (8). Li_2 denotes the dilogarithm function. For QCD the colour factors take the values $C_F = \frac{4}{3}$, $C_A = 3$ and $T_R = \frac{1}{2}$.

To integrate the distributions above over the PDFs, it is useful to arrange for Q^2 to be one of the integration variables. This is easily achieved [41], with the result that we can replace

$$\int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \theta(Q^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{S} \int_{x_+}^1 \frac{dx_1}{x_1 - x_U} \int_0^{A_1} dQ^2 + \frac{1}{S} \int_{x_-}^1 \frac{dx_2}{x_2 - x_T} \int_0^{A_2} dQ^2, \quad (25)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
x_U &= \frac{m_T^2}{S} e^y, \\
x_T &= \frac{m_T^2}{S} e^{-y}, \\
x_{\pm} &= \frac{m_T + p_T}{\sqrt{S}} e^{\pm y}, \\
A_1 &= x_1(1 - x_T) - x_U + \frac{m_H^2}{S}, \\
A_2 &= x_+(x_2 - x_T) - x_U x_2 + \frac{m_H^2}{S}.
\end{aligned}$$

The expression for A_1 or A_2 , as appropriate, should be substituted in Eq. (22) in place of A . In this way one can obtain numerical results for the hadronic cross section. Phenomenological analyses have already been presented in Ref. [36], so we do not repeat it here.

4.1 Checks

We have performed a number of checks on our results. Firstly, the dependence of the cross section on μ_F and μ_R can be predicted due to the requirement that physical observables must be independent of these scales. Our expressions for the perturbative coefficients $G_{ij}^{(n)}$ satisfy these constraints. Secondly, as we will discuss in the next section, the small p_T behaviour can be compared to known resummed formulae.

The strongest check is a comparison with a Monte Carlo numerical code [36] based on the Catani Seymour [42] subtraction formalism. We find excellent agreement for all channels. In the case of the $q\bar{q}$ channel, one can also compare to the known total cross section [25] by numerically integrating Eq.(1) over p_T and y .

5 Small p_T limit

For small p_T the convergence of fixed order perturbation theory is spoiled at any finite order by terms of the form

$$\frac{\ln^n p_T^2}{p_T^2}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3. \quad (26)$$

To obtain reliable physical predictions for observables in this region one must resum these enhanced terms. The method to perform this resummation is known. The result [43] is expressed as an integral over the impact parameter b ,

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2 dy} = \frac{m_H^2 \sigma_0(m_H)}{2S} \int_0^\infty b db J_0(bp_T) W(b), \quad (27)$$

where the bottom quark mass m_b , implicit in the prefactor σ_0 , is evaluated at the scale $\mu_R = m_H$. The Sudakov form factor $W(b)$ contains the large logarithms, and is defined as

$$W(b) = (C_{bi}(\alpha_s(b_0/b)) \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0; b/b_0) (C_{bj}(\alpha_s(b_0/b)) \otimes f_j)(\bar{x}_2^0; b/b_0) \\ \times \exp \left\{ - \int_{b_0^2/b^2}^{m_H^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \left[A(\alpha_s(q)) \ln \frac{m_H^2}{q^2} + B(\alpha_s(q)) \right] \right\} \quad (28)$$

where \otimes indicates convolution, partons i, j are implicitly summed over and $b_0 = 2e^{-\gamma_E}$, with γ_E Euler's constant. The PDFs f_i and f_j are evaluated at the scale b/b_0 , and

$$\bar{x}_{1,2}^0 = \frac{m_H}{\sqrt{S}} e^{\pm y}. \quad (29)$$

The resummation coefficients A , B and C_{ij} can be expanded perturbatively,

$$A(\alpha_s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^n A^{(n)}, \quad (30)$$

$$B(\alpha_s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^n B^{(n)}, \quad (31)$$

$$C_{ij}(\alpha_s) = \delta_{ij} \delta(1-z) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^n C_{ij}^{(n)}. \quad (32)$$

The coefficient $A^{(1)}$ controls the leading logarithmic (LL) terms, while $A^{(2)}$, $B^{(1)}$ and $C_{ij}^{(1)}$ give the next to leading logarithmic (NLL) terms, etc. They can be evaluated by performing a fixed order calculation and comparing to the resummed expression.

5.1 Fixed Order Expansion of the Resummed Formula

One cannot naively expand Eq. (27) in powers of α_s . Instead, we first integrate by parts (we can ignore the surface term) to obtain

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2 dy} = - \frac{m_H^2 \sigma_0(m_H)}{2S} \frac{1}{p_T^2} \int_0^\infty b db J_1(b) \frac{dW(b)}{db}. \quad (33)$$

With the p_T^2 pole now manifest, we can expand. We use the DGLAP equation to evolve the PDFs to an arbitrary scale μ_F . We also evolve the QCD coupling α_s and the bottom quark mass m_b from their values at the scale m_H or q to an arbitrary scale μ_R . The expanded resummed cross section is, using the notation of Ref. [31],

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2 dy} \right|_{p_T \ll m} = \frac{\sigma_0}{S} \frac{m_H^2}{p_T^2} \left[\sum_{m=1}^2 \sum_{n=0}^{2m-1} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^m {}_m C_n \left(\ln \frac{m_H^2}{p_T^2} \right)^n + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3) \right]. \quad (34)$$

The coefficients ${}_m C_n$ are related to the resummation coefficients as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}
{}_1 C_1 &= A^{(1)} f_b(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0), \\
{}_1 C_0 &= B^{(1)} f_b(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) + (P_{bi} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) + f_b(\bar{x}_1^0) (P_{\bar{b}i} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_2^0), \\
{}_2 C_3 &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[A^{(1)} \right]^2 f_b(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0), \\
{}_2 C_2 &= -\frac{3}{2} A^{(1)} \left[(P_{bi} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) + f_b(\bar{x}_1^0) (P_{\bar{b}i} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_2^0) \right] \\
&\quad + A^{(1)} \left[\beta_0 - \frac{3}{2} B^{(1)} \right] f_b(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0), \\
{}_2 C_1 &= \left[\beta_0 - 2B^{(1)} - A^{(1)} \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{m_H^2} \right] (P_{bi} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) + A^{(1)} (C_{bi}^{(1)} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) \\
&\quad - (P_{bi} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0) (P_{bj} \otimes f_j)(\bar{x}_2^0) - (P_{bi} \otimes P_{ij} \otimes f_j)(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left[\left[B^{(1)} \right]^2 - A^{(2)} - \beta_0 B^{(1)} - \beta'_0 A^{(1)} \ln \frac{\mu_R^2}{m_H^2} \right] f_b(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) \\
&\quad + \{b, \bar{x}_1^0 \leftrightarrow \bar{b}, \bar{x}_2^0\} \\
{}_2 C_0 &= - \left[(P_{bi} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0) (P_{bj} \otimes f_j)(\bar{x}_2^0) + (P_{bi} \otimes P_{ij} \otimes f_j)(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) \right] \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{m_H^2} \\
&\quad + \left[\beta'_0 \ln \frac{\mu_R^2}{m_H^2} - B^{(1)} \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{m_H^2} \right] (P_{bi} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) \\
&\quad + (C_{bi}^{(1)} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0) (P_{bj} \otimes f_j)(\bar{x}_2^0) + (C_{bi}^{(1)} \otimes P_{ij} \otimes f_j)(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) \\
&\quad + \left[\zeta_3 \left[A^{(1)} \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2} B^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} \beta'_0 B^{(1)} \ln \frac{\mu_R^2}{m_H^2} \right] f_b(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) \\
&\quad + (B^{(1)} - \beta_0) (C_{bi}^{(1)} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) + (P_{bi}^{(2)} \otimes f_i)(\bar{x}_1^0) f_{\bar{b}}(\bar{x}_2^0) \\
&\quad + \{b, \bar{x}_1^0 \leftrightarrow \bar{b}, \bar{x}_2^0\}.
\end{aligned}$$

where ζ_n is the Riemann ζ -function ($\zeta_3 = 1.202 \dots$) and $\beta_0 = (11C_A - 4T_R n_f)/6$. The corresponding expansions for Drell Yan production [44] and Higgs production through gluon fusion [31] have been presented before. Our case is slightly different to each of these due to the μ_R dependence of the $Hb\bar{b}$ Yukawa coupling. This is reflected in the modified beta coefficient $\beta'_0 = \beta_0 + 3C_F$. The two loop splitting function $P_{bb}^{(2)}$ can be extracted from the results of [45, 46].

5.2 Extracting the Resummation Coefficients

We have checked analytically that in the limit of small Higgs transverse momentum our results reproduce the resummed result, when the latter is expanded to the appropriate order in α_s . Taking the limit analytically requires great care, because as well as explicitly singular terms appearing in our results, some logarithms of p_T appear only upon integration over the momentum fractions $x_{1,2}$.

By comparing with Eq. (34) we can derive the values of the resummation coefficients A ,

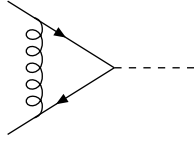


Figure 4: Diagram controlling the process-dependent part of the NNLL resummation coefficient $B^{(2)}$, as described in Ref. [48].

B and C_{ij} . For the universal coefficients we find the expected values,

$$A^{(1)} = 2C_F, \quad (35)$$

$$A^{(2)} = 2C_F \left(\frac{67}{18}C_A - \frac{10}{9}n_f T_R - \frac{\pi^2}{6}C_A \right), \quad (36)$$

$$B^{(1)} = -3C_F. \quad (37)$$

For the process-specific coefficients we have

$$\begin{aligned} B^{(2)} &= C_F^2 \left(-\frac{3}{4} + \pi^2 - 12\zeta_3 \right) + C_F C_A \left(-\frac{61}{12} + \frac{11}{9}\pi^2 + 6\zeta_3 \right) + C_F T_R n_f \left(\frac{5}{3} - \frac{4}{9}\pi^2 \right), \\ C_{b\bar{b}}^{(1)} &= C_F \left[1 - x + \left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} - 1 \right) \delta(1-x) \right], \\ C_{bg}^{(1)} &= 2T_R x(1-x). \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

The expressions for $C_{ij}^{(1)}$ match those given in Ref. [47]. Our result for $B^{(2)}$ is the first direct calculation of this quantity. It has been shown [48] that $B^{(2)}$ can be split into universal and process dependent parts, and that furthermore, the process dependent part is directly related to the finite part \mathcal{A} of the one loop correction to the leading order process, which in our case is $b\bar{b} \rightarrow H$. For quark initiated processes, the relationship is expressed as

$$B^{(2)} = -2\gamma^{(2)} + \beta_0 \left(\frac{2}{3}C_F\pi^2 + \mathcal{A} \right), \quad (39)$$

where $\gamma^{(2)}$ is the coefficient of $\delta(1-z)$ in the two loop splitting function $P_{q\bar{q}}^{(2)}(z)$, given by

$$\gamma^{(2)} = C_F^2 \left(\frac{3}{8} - \frac{\pi^2}{2} + 6\zeta_3 \right) + C_F C_A \left(\frac{17}{24} + \frac{11}{18}\pi^2 - 3\zeta_3 \right) - C_F n_f T_R \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{9}\pi^2 \right). \quad (40)$$

It is straightforward to evaluate the one loop correction to $b\bar{b} \rightarrow H$ (the single contributing diagram is shown in Fig. 4), from which we find

$$\mathcal{A} = C_F \left(-2 + \frac{2}{3}\pi^2 \right). \quad (41)$$

Substituting this into Eq. (39) yields the same expression for $B^{(2)}$ as we have derived from our analytic form of the cross section.

6 Conclusion

We have described the analytic calculation of the cross section $b\bar{b} \rightarrow H + \text{jet}$. The partonic cross section is a distribution in Q^2 , the invariant mass of the final state QCD partons. The results agree numerically with an implementation based on Catani-Seymour subtraction [36].

By taking the limit of small Higgs transverse momentum, we have evaluated the resummation coefficients that govern the structure of large logarithms, including the NNLL coefficient $B^{(2)}$. This is the first direct calculation of this quantity for this process. It agrees with the general expression [48] relating $B^{(2)}$ to a one loop amplitude.

As well as being of phenomenological interest in their own right (numerical analyses have already been presented [36]), our results can form part of a differential NNLO calculation, perhaps along the lines of Ref. [49].

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